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Addendum

II. Comments and observations received from Governments

Chile

1. Chile has no specific bilateral or regional agreements regarding transboundary aquifers.

2. Due to the importance of the aquifers as a subject of study and regulation in Chile, it is considered useful and convenient to start negotiating a multilateral treaty to establish fundamental principles on this matter on the basis of the draft articles of the International Law Commission.

3. The discussion of the issue should focus on the general principles, the character of a framework agreement for the execution of specific agreements, respect of the sovereign rights of each State to promote the management, oversight and sustainable exploitation of water resources of an aquifer in its territory, the use of such resources under the criteria of rational and sustainable use and respect of the duty of a State not to harm other States or the environment.

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